

What is a Bilingual Authorization (BILA)?

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What is a Bilingual Authorization?

- A *Bilingual Authorization* (BILA) is the authorization necessary to teach in a language other than English in California schools.



What are the options a BILA can provide me?

- You can teach in a dual language immersion (DLI) program in the partner language (e.g., Spanish) and in English.
- You can teach in an English-only program (e.g., Mainstream English, Structured English Immersion).



What are the benefits of earning a BILA?

- Teachers with a BILA are in great demand across the nation, including California, and especially in the Inland Empire.
- Often, there is a stipend for teachers who have a BILA and are teaching in a DLI program.
- Teachers with a BILA teaching in a DLI program are put on a separate seniority list in the event of a reduction-in-force (RIF) layoff situation.



How do I earn a BILA?

There are three (3) different routes:

1. Take the UCR Spanish Proficiency Assessment (SPA) or the CSET Subtest III – (Test Code 147; Spanish language proficiency) and EDUC179B/EDUC286 (along with your other credential courses) to cover CSET tests IV & V

2. Take all three (3) CSET tests

- **Subtest III** – Test Code 147 (*Spanish language proficiency*) or the UCR SPA
- **Subtest IV**– Test Code 250 (*Bilingual methodology; not specific to any language*)
- **Subtest V**– Test Code 258 (*Hispanic culture [covers all Spanish-speaking cultures]*)





How do I earn a BILA?

3. Take CSET Subtest III – Test Code 147 and courses at UCR Extension to cover CSET tests IV and V

- There are 4 asynchronous (online) courses, which take one full calendar year to complete.
- Please note: *There are costs associated with each CSET test and UCR Extension course.*
- Each route also requires a minimum number of hours student teaching in Spanish.
- ***If you are seeking a Single Subject credential (in any content area) and have a BA in Spanish, you do not have to take CSET Subtest III or the SPA!***




What support is available for me?

***Bilingual Authorization
(BILA) Workshop***  


***For the UCR In-House
Spanish Proficiency Assessment
(SPA)***

Friday, October 3, 2025


1 to 3 pm on 

We'll review the SPA content and resources to help you prepare
to take and pass the test!

Register in advance for this meeting:
<https://tinyurl.com/SPAprepWorkshop1>



After registering, you will receive a confirmation email
containing information about joining the meeting.



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Bilingual Authorization (BILA) Workshop

FREE

Taller de escritura en español, parte 1

Friday, October 10, 2025

1 to 3 pm in Sproul 2213

Join us for an interactive workshop that will focus on some of the most common challenges we face when writing in Spanish!

Register in advance for this workshop:
<https://tinyurl.com/SpanWritingWkshop1>



After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the workshop.

Questions? Contact Dra. Nicholls kristine.nicholls@ucr.edu



Bilingual Authorization (BILA) Workshop

FREE

Taller de escritura en español, parte 2

Friday, November 7, 2025

9 to 11 am in Sproul 2213

Join us for an interactive workshop that will focus on more of the most common challenges we face when writing in Spanish!

Register in advance for this workshop:
<https://tinyurl.com/SpanWritingWkshop2>



After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the workshop.

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UCR Spanish Proficiency Assessment (SPA) Registration Link

<https://tinyurl.com/SPAregLink>

**Offered
monthly on
Saturday
morning or
afternoon**



**Upcoming
dates listed
on SPA
registration
form**



Where can I get more information on earning a BILA?

Join us for an in-depth BILA Information Session!

Check the BILA webpage for upcoming BILA Information Sessions:

<https://education.ucr.edu/info-sessions>



<https://education.ucr.edu/bilingual-authorization>



When do I have to decide if I want to earn a BILA?

iTan pronto como sea posible!

You will have the opportunity to indicate your interest in earning a BILA during the application process to the credential program.

We hope you decide to join the BILA program in the UCR Teacher Education Program!



**Feel free to contact me with any
additional questions you
may have!**



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